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BI-Weekly Division Note

Re-Contact and Development of Frau Hilde PURWIN (CAMISE), Bonn Correspondent for Neue Ruhrzeitung & Telegraf

1. Largely on the basis of a recent article in Der Spiegel which indicated that Subject's position, influence and connections were excellent and potentially exploitable by CIA, Chief, HOB recommended that contact with Hilde PURWIN be re-established.

2. PURWIN has a long history of CIA association and an even longer history of Intelligence activity. She was originally picked up by OSS in 1945 because of her employment with RSHA, for which she had worked from 1940 to the end of the war. She was utilized by OSS as an informant on the RSHA; became a "sitting duck" in a CIA ^{effort} ~~attempt~~ to expose Communist penetration attempts against OMGUS; and finally was placed in a Berlin CA newspaper project to perform the dual function of assistant to the P/A and independent source of information on the operation. In return for her activity on our behalf, and in addition to financial and material remuneration, PURWIN received considerable aid from CIA in re-establishing herself after the war, in "burying" her Nazi past, in legitimizing a false identity, in quietly divorcing her first husband and in giving her the original opportunity in the journalistic field which she has parlayed, not without talent to be sure, into her present status as a respected and competent journalist.

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3. The Field is currently assessing PURWIN in an effort 1) to establish the degree of her access to reliable inside political information and the degree to which she can be trusted with sensitive requirements (FI potential); and 2) to determine her ability and willingness to place articles or material in her publications at our request (CA potential).

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